

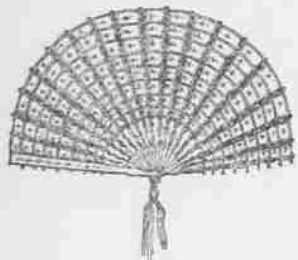
ON FASHION'S FREAKS

Styles that Meet With the General Approval.

THE FAN AND ITS VARIOUS USES.

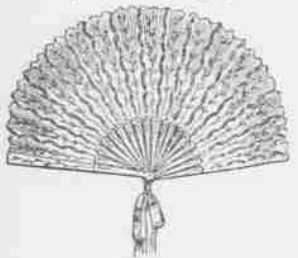
As an Accessory to the Toilet of the Fair Sex—Frames of Ebony, Ivory and Tortoise Shell.

Nowadays it is necessary to have a large assortment of fans, as though it need not always match the dress with which it is used (indeed a contrast is often preferable), the fan must harmonize with it both in color and style. No Frenchwoman ever dreams of going out in the evening without a fan, whether it be to a concert or to the theatre, when she wears a bonnet, to a high dress evening party, full dress dinner or dance.



FALL FAN.

Gauze fans are still in favor. Some Parisians imitate their neighbors the Spaniards, and adopt them in black as a pretty contrast to gowns of brilliant or delicate hues. Figures in the Boucquer or Watteau style are painted in color on the black gauze, and framed in by lace arabesques. There are gauze fans of various colors painted with flowers; but the novelty of the season are the Empire gauze fans. In these the framework plays a great part. The framework of such fans may be in a variety of materials; woods of several kinds are used, especially ebony, as well as tortoise shell, ivory, mother of pearl and metal, all of which are used plain or twisted in spirals or cut in zigzags.



GAUZE FAN.

In the annexed cut is shown a young lady's ball fan of white gauze, dotted in lines with pink flowers, which contrast with the narrow blue ribbon that crosses it in every direction. The sticks are of mother of pearl.

The second figure in the cut shows a gauze fan plucked out at the edge, and lightly embroidered in radiating rays, which are divided either by lace insertion or by gauze ribbon in a darker shade. This fan is mounted in ivory or fancy wood to match the two shades. A knot of loops and ends of shot ribbon is tied in the handle.

Dress Suits for Men.

Dress suits for evening wear, as worn by men in New York, says Harper's Bazar, are made of fine black twilled worsteds, and of superfine broadcloths throughout, a white vest of Marseilles or of satin being sometimes furnished, with a black vest also. The dress coat is little changed in shape; its lapel is not as large as hitherto, and the low waist opens in U shape, though this is not accentuated as it has been lately; the coat has good length in the waist, is faced with silk to the buttonholes, and its edges are finished with very fine silk binding. The trousers, of the same cloth as the coat and vest, have silk braid three-fourths or half an inch wide down the seams.

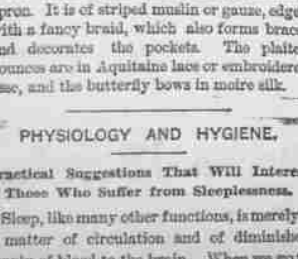
Dress shirts for evening wear have either linen or pique bosoms, showing down their entire length a slight vine of embroidery, and fastened by two small studs as a rule, though three studs are admissible, while only one is now considered bad style, or at least very old fashioned.

Standing collars have entirely superseded those that are turned down, and the newest shapes meet in front, and either have very slightly turned over points, or else the tops are rolled quite far back. Collars have square corners, with their edges meeting, to be worn with linked sleeve buttons.

For evening the narrowly folded white lawn tie is most used, while the novelty of the season is a narrow black satin tie called the "twice around," because it goes around the neck twice, as "stockings" did in olden times, though it is not nearly so wide as were the ties of our grandfathers; it has a small satin bow in front, and is buckled behind.

Convenient Aprons.

We present two styles of apron to the attention of our lady readers. One is a blouse apron designed especially for housekeeper or artist. The model here represented is of dark blue striped percale, piped with red and trimmed with bias bands 1 1/2 inches long. The back opening in front and large round pockets have strings to draw. The kind edges are hemmed 1 1/2 inches wide and closed 7 1/2 inches long with three buttons and buttonholes. Round the waist are tied strings 3/4 inches wide and about 2 yards long.



FOR HOUSEKEEPER OR ARTIST—SARAH BID APRON.

The second model shown is the bazar bib apron. It is of striped muslin or gauze, edged with a fancy braid, which also forms braces and decorates the pockets. The plaited flounces are in Aquitaine lace or embroidered line, and the butterfly bows in moire silk.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

Practical Suggestions That Will Interest Those Who Suffer from Sleeplessness.

Sleep, like many other functions, is merely a matter of circulation and of diminished supply of blood to the brain. When we go to bed with our brains still active and worry

over the day's work or excite ourselves over the day's pleasure, we do not go to sleep and shall not until by some means we have driven or drawn the blood from the brain to some other part of the body. The worst possible thing is to keep the head hot by wrapping it up or using very soft pillows. A hair pillow is often better than a pillow of feathers. A warm foot bath or hip bath is a common expedient, and the yet simpler one plunging the hands and wrists into hot water is often efficacious; a towel or handkerchief wrung out of can de cologne and water every one has tried, and an ice bag to the head is the same idea more thoroughly carried out. Robust persons, whose circulation is quick, recommend a cold water or cold air bath, on the principle that the blood driven from the skin by the shock will come back presently with redoubled vigor. A hot bottle or hot brick is a safer and pleasanter remedy for weak people and for children, who, when they worry about their lessons after they go to bed, generally have a burning head and ice cold feet.

The worst way to get a bad night is to eat an indigestible supper; but, on the other hand, a small quantity of light food taken just before bedtime often promotes sleep, especially in those who have been exercising their brain since the last meal. A cup of hot milk or cream, or, better still, a cup of beef tea or beef extract, sends many a person to sleep who without it would have lain tossing for hours. Hot lemonade answers the purpose in many cases, and, besides, a food that is often wanted. Little children who have tea early often sleep better after a bit of bread and butter or a biscuit and a drink of milk; and sometimes, if they wake up and lie awake an hour or so, they sleep again quickly if they are fed. Many had sleepers might pursue the same plan with advantage. The remedy depends on the very simple fact that nothing can be in two places at once, and that if the blood is called to the stomach for purposes of digestion it cannot remain in the head to be wasted in worrying.

It is to be regretted that some remedy for the distressing wakefulness of old persons cannot be added. They do not need so much sleep as young ones, and it is quite natural that it should not come to them. But the days are long and the evenings are dull, and they can't see to amuse themselves, and so they retire when to o'clock strikes, and hope rather unreasonably to sleep till late next morning. Nature aids them for less, and they give her more, and grumble because she does not accept. Moreover, they have often disordered the powers of sleep that they have by doing during the day. Some of the above suggestions may be useful even here, however, and in addition it may be said that the complaint of sleeplessness is seldom made by women of the hard working classes, who, if they go to bed at 10, rise long before 5, and occupy themselves to weariness during the day.

Troublesome Finger Nails.

Most persons are familiar with those troublesome little bits of skin which loosen at the roots of the finger nails; it is caused by the skin adhering to the nail, which growing outward drags the skin along with it, stretching it until one end gives way. To prevent this, the skin should be loosened from the nail once a week, not with a knife or scissors, but with a blunt ivory instrument; and this is best done after soaking the fingers in warm water, thus pushing the skin back gently and slowly.

Remedy for Headache.

Dr. Little, of Dublin, states that migraines headache is best relieved by twenty grains of salicylate of sodium in a wineglassful of water, made effervescent by the addition of a desiccated powder of effervescent granular citrate of caffeine. The doctor has not found the latter alone efficient.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

Fads in the Fashion of One's Name—A Minor Virtue of Society.

One of the fashions of the day which etiquette smiles upon without actually requiring it, is that of extending one's name to its fullest possible length on visiting card and invitations; thus Mrs. James W. Johnson becomes Mrs. James Wentworth Johnson.

On the other hand it is a fad quite as late and even more exclusive for a lady possessing an uncommon patronymic, or who for any reason, such as being the wife of the oldest representative of the family, considers herself entitled to precedences of others of the same name, to drop all Christian names and figure simply as "Mrs. Penrhyn" or "Mrs. Johnson," as the case may be. But unless there are some very distinctive circumstances to justify it, such a proceeding is apt to cause both confusion and ill will.

A Capital Social Virtue.

"It is not in the least unusual," says Mrs. Sherwood, "to hear two ladies who have been talking together most intimately separate and each fall to abusing the other furiously. 'Oh, yes, Fredericka is very pretty, very winning you know, but she cannot be trusted; she is such a story teller.' Or, 'Rosemond would look so much better if she didn't touch up her eyes and her cheeks.' Or, 'Frida has a tongue—oh, such a narrow-lipped tongue!' etc. Now, the morals of even the lightest fashion should silence these criticisms if they are at all intimate with Frida, Fredericka and Rosemond. If one thinks so ill of these ladies, why associate with them? Why kiss Rosemond if she paints? Why whisper in the ear of Fredericka so intimately if she tells lies?"

It is not necessary that one should go about in society with a moral tape measure demanding this and that virtue of our friends, nor assuming that we are by any means invested with the judicial ermine; but a certain sincerity, a certain honesty, is within the reach of everybody, and among the minor seven capital virtues of society at least this amount of respect should be paid to that noble thing, which really exists, a really chivalrous woman's friendship for other women, that those who have it not should refrain from these instantaneous backbites. Again—as the clergymen say—they are silly, they are transparent, they are "seen through"—these remarks.

Look Out For the Linings, Ladies.



Mrs. Henkleman—What a lovely gown, dear, from Paris, of course!
Miss Whiteley—Yes, I can't get suited anywhere else; it came on the Umbria, Tuesday—Scribner's Magazine.

THE LIME KILN CLUB.

The Subject of Honesty Discussed by Waydown Beebe and Elder Toots.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and other routine business, Brother Gardner stated that he had been asked to secure an expression of opinion on the question: "Does It Pay to be Strictly Honest?" He would call upon Sir Isaac Wallace, as the oldest member, first.

"I war in hopes dat qeshun would nebber cum up in dis club," said the old veteran in reply. "It ar' a qeshun which has caused me many sleepless nights, an' which I hev nebber bin able to settle to my own satisfaction. On one occasion I found a wallet in de road. It contained \$30, an' when I restored it to de owner he handed me all de money an' thanked me besides. On several other occasions I hev found wallets and spent \$2 worth of time huntin' up de owner an' bin rewarded wid 10 cents. A grocer once gin me a \$10 dollar bill fur a \$1. I handed it back an' he giv' me half a pound of tea. De very next week I giv' him a \$5 bill fur a \$2, an' he kept it an' answerd dat I was a liar. 'If I buy meat de butcher works me' or less bone in on me," continued the old man. "If I buy wood or coal it ar' allus a little short. I expect de dry goods man to cheat me me' or less, an' de latter an' shoemaker don't allus stick to facts. If I war' strictly honest I reckon I should land in de po'house in about a year. I don't advise any one to be dishonest, but it ar' my opinion dat if you find a pig dog runnin' around de streets he should be taken home and tied up to de bed post until some one advertises a liberal reward an' no questions asked."

Waydown Beebe then spoke as follows: "Dar' was a time when I was so strictly honest dat ober fifty of de neighbors' chickens used to roost in my back yard at night. At de same time dem neighbors borrowed money of me an' dun forget to pay it back, an' if I left a spade out doahs ober night it was gone in de mornin'. If I loved a debt Iached to go an' make de man up at midnight an' pay him. If I found half a dozen lead nickels in my change, I melted 'em up fur bullets to shoot cuts. If I disdivered ten cents on de doah in de postoffice I handed it to de postmaster. I practiced dis course fur five long years, an' doahs dat time I not only run behind \$1,000, but I heard myself spoken of on all sides as a greenhorn, a pansack an' an idiot. I finally decided to change. In five years I has picked up ober \$2,000, an' out of debt an' grocers an' butchers send to my house and solicit my trade. When you as me if it pays to be strictly honest I mus' reply dat it doahs—not by a jug full!"

Elder Toots was then called upon, and he said: "If dar' an' any one pascion in Detroit who has had chicken fur dinner any oftener dan I hev I should like to see his photograph, an' yit what' am de pascion who dare stan' up an' say I steal chickens! I used to be strictly honest. If I found a cent in de road I went whoopin' up an' down to find de owner. If a \$25 lost dog crept under my house to be taken heer of until advertised I drove him out an' let de man next doah get de money. I not only paid de house rent on de day it was due, but made all repairs out of my own pocket. I run right down hill, an' by an' by I waked up to find de old woman out o' taters flour, meat, sugar, tea and everything else 'cept Bough on Rate an' two bars o' soap, while my toes wint' out to Jimmy weather. On dat same mornin', as I was gwine down town, I heard one man say to another: 'Say, Jim, see dat pascion! He ar' de fool nigger of Detroit. If he had a quarter wid a hole in it he would frow it in de ribber fur fear of accidentally pascin' it off on a millyonary.' Dat not me to thinkin'. Dat very night I stole a lot of wood, three chickens, a bag o' taters an' a pair of butes, an' I hev prospered ever since. I specks it will be a little harder on me when I cum to de gates of heaven, but I am doin' powerfully well down yere below an' increasin' my fat every day."—Detroit Free Press.

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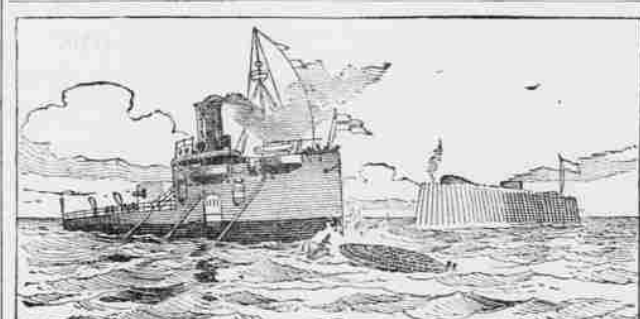
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